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SUBJ: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--VANCOUVER CONFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING UN PRESS RELEASE, DATED SEPTEMBER 10, WAS RECEIVED
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SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ADDRE-
SSES
HOUSING COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

((THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION
SERVICE, GENEVA.))

THREE GOALS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 31 MAY TO 11 JUNE
1976 IN VANCOUVER, B.C., WERE SET FORTH BY ENRIQUE PENALOSA,
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, IN AM ADDRESS
YESTERDAY (9 SEPTEMBER) IN GENEVA.

MR. PENALOSA SPOKE AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE THRITY-FIFTH
SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
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THE GOALS CITED BY MR. PENALOSA WERE: TO SECURE FORM EVERY

NATION A PLEDGE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN ALL ITS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; TO SHOW EVERY NATION HOW IT COULD ATTACK ITS SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OVER-ALL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND TO ASSURE EVERY NATION WILLING TO TAKE ACTION THAT IT COULD COUNT ON THE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID, WOULD SET OUT TO PROVE THAT THE DECAY OF URBAN AND RURAL ENVIRONMENTS WAS REVERSIBLE, AND WOULD OFFER A CHANGE FOR AN IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANDARD OF LIFE.

INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS OF THE WORLD COULD DO VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE BIOSPHERE, OR THE POPULATION OF DISTANT LANDS, SAID MR. PENALOSA, BUT THEY COULD TAKE A DIRECT AND ACTIVE PART IN THE SHAPING OF THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURHOODS, TOWNS AND CITIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT NEARLY ALL THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE "THIRD WORLD" HAD BEEN BUILT ALONG LINES EITHER IMPOSED BY, OF COPIED FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

"I DO NOT THINK IT DEGRADING TO EITHER SIDE THAT THE MASTERS OF THE PAST SHOULD BECOME THE TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE", HE ADDED THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO OFFER THE TECHNICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE CAPACITY FOR RESEARCH WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LACKED IN TURNING BACK THE PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, CAUSED BY CONGESTION, POLLUTION, ARCHAIC GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS AND THE CONSEQUENT BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC SERVICES. UNQTE. SCALI

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